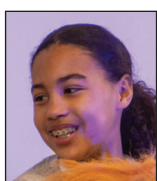




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Poor Process and Preparation Prevent Progress on Pop-Up

by Cathie Meetre

The regular council meeting of March 9 was marred and prolonged by procedural fumbles and lack of preparation. Early presentations were either lacking materials or flawed by errors. As a result, significant time was wasted – with almost an hour and a half elapsing before any business was actually accomplished. Though part of the problem came from presenters who weren't fully prepared, some city and council process issues also

played a role in the logjam.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan remarked that perhaps council should consider that many bodies like council do not engage in dialog during the petitions and requests segment of the agenda – recording the content but not commenting or discussing it. (Editors Note: The Prince George's County Council enforces a strict time limit per speaker – two

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Coronavirus

Greenbelt Urges Cancellations, Cleanliness During Pandemic

by Aneurin Canham-Clyne

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Mayor Colin Byrd laid out a seven-part plan for the City of Greenbelt's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in a video released on Friday.

"It's really simple," Byrd said, "inform, clean, protect, prepare, cancel, collaborate, unite."

Byrd said newly confirmed cases of COVID-19, a novel coronavirus with an incubation period of 2 to 14 days, showed

community spread throughout Prince George's County, meaning people who haven't traveled abroad have fallen ill with the virus through contact with others here.

"It spreads from person to person, through respiratory droplets, what we know as coughing and sneezing," Byrd said. "We know that Coronavirus-COVID-19 can be spread through surfaces, that's why we're emphasizing folks cleaning things."

Byrd said the infection usually causes fever, cough and shortness of breath, and emphasized the risk faced by older people and people with chronic illnesses. He then moved on to the second part of the effort: cleaning.

Byrd said the city had 11 stand-alone hand sanitizer stations in building entrances, and planned to add more. Byrd said



PHOTO COURTESY COLIN BYRD

Mayor Colin Byrd appears in a video to help inform Greenbelt residents about the city's preparation for and response to COVID-19.

the city has begun cleaning its facilities and vehicles more

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CHEARS Open Seed Quest Awarded Grant by Foundation

by Carol Griffith

On March 7, CHEARS (the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) held its first workshop after receiving a Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) grant for its most recent project, the Chesapeake Intergenerational Open Seed Quest. CHEARS received the GCF grant and a Chesapeake Bay Trust mini-grant with its partner in the Seed Quest, the School of Living's Heathcote Community. Heathcote is a community located on 40 acres at the site of a historic rural mill north of Baltimore, thereby creating an urban-rural link with Greenbelt.

The Chesapeake Intergenerational Open Seed Quest will employ citizen science open-seed trials in the Three Sisters Gardens and Food Forest in Greenbelt and at the Heathcote Community Farm. CHEARS believes that in these times of climate crisis, decline in seed diversity, use of toxic seeds to grow food, and habitat and pollinator loss, working on open seed-saving citizen science projects is a way to learn intergenerationally, get families

reconnected with their food and support each other in transforming farms, yards or balconies into eco-oases.

Seed saving is not a new activity – it has a long history in

both Native American and African American communities. Africans who were enslaved and taken to North America on slave ships

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Hanover Parkway Bikeway Feasibility Study Discussed

by Matthew Arbach

On March 2, Sabra & Associates (SA), represented by transportation planner and project manager Bryon White, shared with the Greenbelt City Council the findings of their feasibility study concerning a bikeway along Hanover Parkway. They presented options A and B to council. The area studied was the Hanover Parkway corridor between Mandan Road and Good Luck Road. They offered designs of bicycle facilities, such as bike trails and racks, on 30 percent of a priority area between the Spellman Overpass and Greenbrook Drive. Community Planner Molly Porter said that this would help lead to bridging the missing link in the trail that is needed for bicyclists to be able to access Historic Greenbelt. This plan will also enable a cross-city bicycle route which ultimately will connect to

the wider Anacostia regional trail network.

Funding for the study came in November 2017 from a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation Bikeways Program.

White laid out design assumptions first, which included: an all-age facility; avoidance of large and fast turnings for bikes and pedestrians; tree retention; minimization of expensive utility relocation; ease for continuing maintenance and a minimizing of impacts to on-street parking.

Option A was an on-road design. It included buffered and protected bike lanes, achieved with inexpensive posts or prefabricated concrete barriers, as well as possible grass-filled medians, lessening stormwater management.

Option B was a completely

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What Goes On

Monday, March 23
8 p.m. City Council Meeting.
See box on page 3.



PHOTO BY JUDY MCCORD

The Old Greenbelt Theatre has gone dark in response to the coronavirus pandemic.



PHOTO BY CAROL GRIFFITH

Karen Stupski, right, of the School of Living's Heathcote Community, CHEARS's partner in the Chesapeake Intergenerational Open Seed Quest, and Bob Cahalan assemble the "keyhole" garden designed for wheelchair access to the entire garden.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You, Co-op Customers

A huge thank you to all the Co-op customers who continue to donate \$5 food bags to the St. Hugh Church Food Pantry. This past weekend 62 bags were donated. During this very challenging time, it is heartwarming to witness this incredible generosity. Due to the economic effects of this health crisis, we do expect a significant increase in the use of our food pantry. We are also resuming our “kid friendly” food bags to help school children at home missing school meals.

Mary Ann Tretler, President
St. Hugh Ladies of Charity

Kudos for Closing!

I am so proud to be a member of the New Deal Café and Old Greenbelt Theatre. Both of these businesses have shown us what real community looks like by choosing to close their doors during our public health crisis. The Greenbelt Museum has also closed and deserves our thanks. Perhaps by the time this News Review lands on our porches, things will have changed and all public venues will have been ordered to close. But we should recognize and applaud the courage and leadership of these Greenbelt institutions and support them as much as we possibly can.

This will be a big financial hardship, and I hope every Greenbelter who has ever visited any of these treasures will step up and make a contribution to ensure we can all enjoy them in the future.

In particular, the New Deal Café will experience major impacts. Always operating on a shoestring, the Café will still have to pay all their bills during this time. Please be generous – remember, the Café is a member-owned not-for-profit, so their survival depends directly on us.

Help out by going to newdealcafe.com/about-us/25th; greenbelttheatre.org - the “get involved” tab; and greenbeltmuseum.org and go to support.

Stay safe, everyone!
Melanie L. Griffin

Save Your Trees

We are writing to urge all homeowners to cut the vines growing up trees in their yards. Also, please do not cut down any tree unless absolutely necessary.

Trees are important in fighting global warming, which the United Nations has told us is becoming extremely dangerous. We also need to work on cutting emissions caused by coal, oil and gas, yes, but we can protect our forests and other trees which safely store great quantities of CO₂.

Vines growing up small trees will kill them. Older trees may continue to live but are somewhat damaged by a thick growth of vines. Notice the trees along highways where the vines get enough sunlight to thrive.

Wear long sleeves, long pants and gloves when you work, especially if dealing with poison ivy. One good cut all the way through the vine near its base will usually kill it.

Thanks for anything you do that helps to fight global warming.

Marjory Donn,
Ben Fischler,
Robin Hawley Gorslin,
Michael Hartman,
John Lippert,
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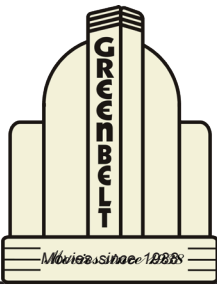
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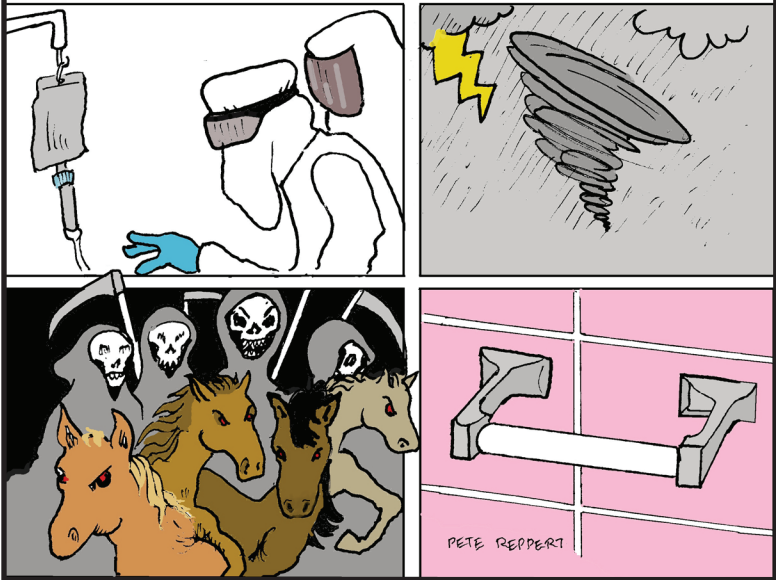
Old Greenbelt Theatre is temporarily closed in an effort to mitigate the local effects of COVID-19.

During this time, please:
- Visit greenbelttheatre.org for virtual programming to keep you connected and entertained from the comfort and safety of your home!

- Consider donating what you might normally spend on a night at the movies by visiting bit.ly/Support-OGT.

We greatly appreciate your support during these uncertain times.

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Send us your stories and photos, showing what you are doing during forced time at home. We will publish a selection of these submissions during the coming weeks. Email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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Lucille’s Glory-of-the-snow, Chionodoxa, peeks out of the leaves.

Community Events

Virtual Grant Writing Workshop

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) Grant Writing Workshop on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 to 8:30 p.m. will now be a virtual workshop using the Zoom platform. This workshop is led by Joanie Cohen, who has many years of experience with writing and evaluating grants. The final application submission deadline for GCF grants is midnight April 15.

This free workshop is for all organizations and cooperatives serving Greenbelt. If you volunteer with a Greenbelt organization, cooperative or group working to improve the Greenbelt community, consider participating in this free workshop or pass this information on to others in your group.

The workshop will use the GCF application form and focus on writing a successful application for funding for projects in Greenbelt. On GCF’s website – greenbeltfoundation.org – select the Grants tab, then select How to Apply for instructions and the application. The workshop will be most productive if you have a draft of your application developed with a program plan and budget.

To participate in this free virtual Grant Writing Workshop, email info@greenbeltfoundation.org to receive instructions and the link to participate.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has awarded over \$225,000 in grants to groups throughout the city since 2006. It plans to award \$30,000 or more to organizations in 2020.

County Libraries Are Now Closed

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System, per instructions from the County Health Department, announced that beginning on Monday, March 16, the Greenbelt Library will be closed until further notice. The Library and county government partners are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all Prince Georgians during the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. The decision to reopen the Greenbelt Library will be made in consultation with the county Health Department and will be announced via email, pgcmls.info and social media.

Customers will be able to access all of the library’s on-line resources, including ebooks, audiobooks, streaming movies and music, educational tools, and databases. Library staff will be available to answer questions on the library’s website and via social media. Book-drops will be locked and fines incurred (during the closure only) will be waived.

When the libraries reopen, they will serve as Census hubs, with dedicated computer terminals available to permit those without computer access at home to respond to the 2020 Census.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting Cancelled

The GIVES (Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service) quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center has been cancelled.

Legion Addresses COVID-19

In light of the recent events concerning COVID-19, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 is following the protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and local health officials, including disinfecting surfaces, installing hand sanitizer dispensers at entrances and soap and water in the restrooms for frequent hand washing.

For those who rely on the restaurant for their principal meals and want to minimize contact with other patrons, the Legion is offering an enhanced “take out” option. During regular hours, call ahead to order, 301-345-0136 ext. 6, and the meal will be ready for pick up at the front bar. The Legion appreciates the community’s support and hopes all stay well.

Philharmonic Concert Cancelled

The Prince George’s Philharmonic announces with regret that the concert scheduled for March 28, at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts has been cancelled. They hope to make up the concert sometime in June, with the partnership of Old Greenbelt Theatre and the Greenbelt Museum as originally planned.

The Prince George’s Philharmonic cares about the health of their musicians and patrons. They will continue to follow the advice of Prince George’s County Public Schools, the Prince George’s County Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control.

March Writers Group Meeting Cancelled

The Greenbelt Writers Group will not meet on Friday, March 20, due to the closure of the Community Center. The next planned meeting is Friday April 17 at 7:30 p.m.; whether this meeting will also need to be cancelled will be determined closer to the scheduled date. For questions, contact Barbara Ford at barb.ford@comcast.net.

Homeschoolers Meetings Cancelled

Due to COVID-19, Greenbelt Homeschoolers are not meeting on Mondays at the Youth Center until we get the “all clear” from the City of Greenbelt.



The Bradford Pear trees are blooming and the sun is out, looking up Hanover Parkway toward Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

HUG Walk Cancelled

In the spirit of the HUG Walk seeking a HEALTHY community, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) has decided to postpone the Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk that was to be held on Sunday, March 29, as we all navigate these troubling waters.

Spread the word among interested communities as RUAK explores possibilities in the future.

Wash hands ... Hydrate ... Practice Social Distance ... Take care of each other.

Any group that wishes to co-sponsor any future event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.

Water Main Meeting Postponed by WSSC

The originally scheduled Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission information meeting on Tuesday, March 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center has been postponed and new dates will be announced in due course. WSSC representatives will then discuss the water main replacement project along Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and 58th Avenue.

GFCU Postpones Annual Meeting

The well-being of its members and staff has always been a primary concern of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU). In light of concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, GFCU is postponing its annual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 31. GFCU is committed to keeping its members, volunteers and staff safe and healthy.

Democratic Club Cancels Meeting

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will not hold its membership meeting this coming Friday, March 20. The club hopes to be able to hold the next meeting on Friday, April 17, to celebrate both the 100th anniversary of the Women’s Right to Vote and the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Information about that meeting will be made available closer to the scheduled date.

Call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 with any questions.

Postponed, Closed and Open

This list represents the information available on Tuesday, March 17. Consider checking before heading out.

Postponed:

Maryland state primaries, originally scheduled for late April, are postponed to June 2.

Closed or Cancelled:

- All city offices, the Community Center and the Aquatic & Fitness Center are closed through March 27.
- City council will meet in the closed Municipal Building for its regular meetings. No public attendance. Streaming will be available.
- Prince George’s County schools are closed through March 27.
- Prince George’s County libraries are closed until further notice. Book drops are NOT open and any fines incurred for non-return of books will be waived.
- New Deal Café is closed until April 14th. Stay tuned for announcement of meals-to-go.
- Arbor Terrace Care Facility – check arborcompany.com/coronavirus for information, visitors are restricted.
- Old Greenbelt Theatre. Closed until further notice. Tickets will be honored at a later date.
- AMC Theaters
- Art exhibit, Vantage Point by Greenbelter Sally Davies was due to hold its reception on Thursday, March 19 at the Maryland Hall in Annapolis, which is closed. The reception is cancelled but the exhibit is scheduled until May 23 should the facility re-open.

Open at time of publication as far as can be ascertained:

- All grocery stores and pharmacies
- Banks
- Beltway Plaza
- Community Forklift is open for donations and purchases. It notes that demand during hard times always rises.



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

The Charlestowne Village Condominium board of directors and Mayor Colin Byrd congratulate Daisy Brown, president, for her 25 years of Service to the Charlestowne Village Community, at their Annual Homeowners Meeting on Tuesday, March 10. Charlestowne Village board of directors and city councilmembers, from left, are Jake East, Thryra Packett, Councilmember Silke Pope, Mayor Colin Byrd, Daisy Brown, Lois Rosado and Doug Mangum.

| GATe Program Schedule Friday Mar 20 - Thursday Mar 26 | | |
|---|---|---|
| 7 am | Greenbelt Newsreel | • Community Events • Weekly Updates |
| 8 am | Democracy Now! | • Independent Global News |
| 9 am | GATe Classic Film ★ Fantasy/Drama • 1950 | • Orpheus/Orphée • Jean Cocteau Made Possible by a Grant from ★ Andy Zmidzinski ★ |
| 11 am | Greenbelt Discussion | • Local Topics & Guests |
| 12 pm | Greenbelt Newsreel | • Community Events • Weekly Updates |
| 1 pm | Strata | • Cultural Heritage & Archeology |
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Social Distancing + Media = Worship

by Karen Yoho

Toward the end of last week, Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCCUCC) was planning to welcome Rev. Deb Vaughn to the pulpit. She would be filling in for Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, who was taking a few days off to celebrate her birthday in New York City. Plans change. As the early afternoon progressed, news headlines and press conferences revealed a growing threat from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Even our small, but mighty, congregation in Greenbelt was in the midst of the challenges faced by churches around the nation.

In my role as moderator for the church, I shared an afternoon of texts with Grindstaff to discuss Sunday plans. Shows on Broadway were cancelled. Maryland Governor Larry Hogan declared a state of emergency. And Grindstaff's overnight became a day trip. Out of caution for her ministry as a hospice chaplain, Vaughn did not want to venture into public. After a few messages with church leaders over the next 24 hours, a decision was made to cancel service and use technology to connect with the congregation. While this can be quite common for larger churches, we had not used videotaping or video streaming at our church.

After testing it out on Saturday, Grindstaff logged on to the Community Church Facebook page on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. to lead a 30-minute worship service to the 60 viewers online. Grindstaff shared that "do not fear" appears 103 times in the Bible and "do not be afraid" appears 89 times. She shared comfort and encouragement with viewers.



The Greenbelt Community Church is livestreaming their service over Facebook on Sundays through March 29.

"It was a beautiful, heartfelt message this morning," wrote Kathy Reynolds in the comment section. "Even though I didn't share anything, it was great to listen, hear singing and see you." By Sunday evening, the video had been viewed by close to 300 Facebook users, reaching 630 people! The video is also on the church's new YouTube channel. Plans indeed changed for Sunday worship at the Community Church, but we are using that

change to try new ways to reach and engage individuals with messages of comfort during this time.

City Notes

Greenbelt CARES staff received further training in the recognition of drug overdoses and the administration of NARCAN as an antidote. CARES will be providing Overdose and Prevention/Narcan Training later this year.

The Police Department participated in a conference call with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association on the impacts of COVID-19 on policing. Numerous staff were trained in the use of the recently purchased communications system.

City public works crews have been readying for spring by running the chipper, pruning and clearing sidewalks.

The Recreation Department found its activity schedule on hold due to the COVID-19 epidemic and became engaged in preparations for that and disseminating information on closures.

Animal control reports the adoption of a kitten and the impounding of four more. A gecko that had been injured has recovered from its injuries and is available for adoption. It has not been heard to speak with a cockney accent.

Please check to make sure listed services have not been cancelled.

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will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

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"O Son of Spirit! The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor." – Bahá'í Writings

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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Greenbelt Community Church

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and Wednesday Lenten
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Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Worship Associate Susannah Schiller

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frequently, especially Green Ridge House, which provides housing for seniors, the Community Center and the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Protection, the third element of the city’s strategy, depends on avoiding close contact with other people, Byrd said. He encouraged residents to maintain six feet of distance from other people, to refrain from touching their faces and to avoid large gatherings.

“We want to cut down on the handshaking, and we want to cut down on all the hugging,” Byrd said.

Byrd also encouraged residents to cover their coughs and sneezes, though not to use their hands to do so. Additionally, Byrd advised residents to clean their homes, stay home, wash their hands with soap and water, and to call the county hotline if they begin to develop symptoms or have questions. The county’s COVID-19 hotline is 301-883-6627.

Byrd said the city would close its facilities for at least 10 days, and that the city administration would practice social distancing.

Byrd asked residents to stock up on groceries and medications as part of the city’s fourth tactic: preparation.

“Develop a contact list,” Byrd said. “Right now you should be thinking about who you’re going to call if you run into some issues. If you have a back-up plan, have a back-up plan for your back-up plan,” Byrd urged citizens.

“The more seriously jurisdictions are taking it the more likely they are to be able to avert some of the more serious issues,” Byrd said.


As a fifth measure, Byrd urged residents to follow the city’s lead in canceling events. The city, Byrd said, has cancelled almost all city events involving crowds or vulnerable populations.

“We will make sacrifices on matters of social convenience and matters of entertainment so that lives are not sacrificed,” Byrd said.

The final element of the city’s COVID-19 response is collaboration between the city and its partners, including those in the private sector, like many health-care providers and the state and federal governments.

Byrd said that city staff have reached out to CVS and Target based on national reports that those companies might be willing to use their parking lots as testing sites. Prince George’s County has also taken steps to limit the spread of the disease, according to Byrd, including closure of the county libraries and public

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Monday, March 23, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

* Minutes of Council Meeting

Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

- *- Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report #2020-02 (Final Report A. Morton Thomas & Associates)
- *- Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report #2020-03 (Zoning for the Greenbelt Forest Preserve)
- *- Arts Advisory Board (AAB) Report #20-3 (Proposed Gift of Artwork from K. Karlson, Artist in Residence)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Wireless Siting Consulting Services from CTC Technology and Energy of Kensington, Maryland at an estimated cost of \$8,900.
- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Certification of Nonconforming Use - Crescent Square Apartments
- Council Reports
- Council Activities
- *- Comment Letter on Countywide Sectional Map Amendment
- *- Private Recreation Facilities Agreement for NRP/Greenbelt Metro Residential Development
- *- Appointments to Advisory Boards
- *- Resignation from Advisory Group

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

THIS MEETING MAY BE CONDUCTED AS A PHONE CONFERENCE AND CALL IN OPTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE CHECK THE CITY'S MEETING CALENDAR FOR INFORMATION.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GREENBELT RESIDENTS CONCERNING CORONAVIRUS

The City of Greenbelt is aware that several City officials attended the recent National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, DC, March 6th – 11th. NLC has contacted conference attendees today and informed them that at least two attendees have tested positive to COVID-19. The two reported cases are not City representatives. Conference participants represented cities from across the country and as news of the virus unfolds, cases among conference goers is not unexpected.

Greenbelt officials have been following the same health guidance that they are asking community members to follow, including handwashing, social distancing, and watching for symptoms. Upon receiving the notice from NLC, Greenbelt contacted the Prince George's County Health Department and obtained same guidance for monitoring themselves for symptoms, stay-ing indoors, and reporting any symptoms for the next 14 days. For more information on the NLC conference visit <https://www.ccc.nlc.org/>. For more information on the City's COVID-19 response, please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/covid19.

Prince George's County Public Schools will provide “grab and go” lunches at regional locations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily during the closure. As of Tuesday, March 17, they have added additional sites that any student, with or without a parent/guardian, may go to pick up both meals and a snack between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Adults may not pick up meals for children. There will be school system staff in the cafeteria or parking lot, depending on weather, to distribute the meals. No student should go hungry during this crisis. Find out locations and more information At <https://www1.pgcps.org/Inside-PGCPS/2019-2020/Student-Meals-Available-During-COVID-19-Closures/>


Please note that most meetings have been cancelled for next week Please check the City's Meeting calendar on the home page at www.greenbelt-md.gov.

The City's Economic Development Coordinator has set up a resource page for local businesses. You may access this page though www.greenbeltmd.gov/covid19/Rescources

City services are continuing with a rotating/telecom-muting staff. This includes refuse/recycling pickup, the Greenbelt Connection, the Food Distribution Program, and more. For assistance please call 301-474-8000, 301-345-6660 for CARES/GAIL, or by email.

Please remember that the 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Together we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs. Go to www.2020Census.gov to learn more. Now more than ever Greenbelt residents need to support our community's future health, safety, education and other services so often funded based on Census results. It takes just a few minutes.

UPDATES ARE POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV/COVID19



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Go to 2020Census.gov

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Conservation of the Greenbelt Community Center Bas Reliefs, Marble Garden Sculpture, and the Mother and Child Statue in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center Plaza
City of Greenbelt, Maryland

The City of Greenbelt will accept proposals from qualified object conservators to evaluate, clean, and repair as needed six Indiana limestone reliefs, a marble garden statue, and the Mother and Child statue also Indiana limestone. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. A pre-proposal conference call will be held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The full RFP and information about the pre-proposal conference call may be obtained at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code. For additional information contact Molly Porter at the City's Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at mporter@greenbeltmd.gov.



GREENBELT RECREATION

www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation
301-397-2200

JOB OPENINGS FOR SUMMER CAMP STAFF

SEEKING CAMP COUNSELORS, CAMP SPECIALISTS, INCLUSION COUNSELORS AND CAMP INTERNS. APPLY NOW!

For more information on job openings and application details visit: www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs
*all applications must be submitted online

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 23-27

Monday, March 23 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held, call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.

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Crofton, Maryland 21114
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District Heights, Maryland 20747
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Doctors Community Practices at Laurel
(Primary Care and Diabetes Care)
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Laurel, Maryland 20707
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Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale
(Primary Care, Family Medicine and Endocrinology)
6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100
Riverdale, Maryland 20737
301-278-8637

Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)
5859 Allentown Way
Temple Hills, Maryland 20728
240-273-4826

Metropolitan Medical Specialists
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)
8116 Good Luck Road, Suite 300
Lanham, Maryland 20706
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Coronavirus

Maryland Primaries Delayed, Vote by Mail Contemplated

by Brogan Gerhart

Maryland’s primaries, originally scheduled for late April, have been postponed to June 2, according to Governor Larry Hogan.

Last week’s News Review article identifying the primary date as April 28 is no longer correct.

“It would endanger public health to allow thousands of people to assemble ... and it would put Marylanders at risk,” Hogan said Tuesday at a press conference. “I am directing the state board of elections to develop a comprehensive plan by April 3 to conduct the primary election in a way that protects public health and preserves the integrity of the Democratic process in our state.”

Maryland is one of five states – including Louisiana, Georgia, Kentucky and Ohio – to postpone primary elections due to the

spread of the coronavirus.

Hogan noted that the state intends to hold one election on April 28 – a relatively small one to fill the seat of the late Representative Elijah Cummings. Although Hogan noted that the State Board of Elections felt it could not conduct a mail-in election for the entire state, he intends to ask the board to conduct this one election on the originally scheduled date. This initiative foreshadows a possible move toward mail voting on a broader scale. Hogan said, “We are going to encourage people to vote absentee as much as possible and those who aren’t doing the normal absentee ballot will be able to do whatever additional steps they (the State Board of Elections) decide to take for mail-in ballots.”

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off-road design. It would consist of 10-foot-wide side paths with separation of bikes and pedestrians. According to Porter, it would not “require transitioning from on-road and off-road and would not require cyclists to cross Hanover Parkway.”

Both options had several things in common, these being: minimal impacts on private rights of way, utilities, trees and stormwater management.

The impacts of Option A were very low traffic impacts at Hanover and Greenway Center Drive, increased delay accessing Hanover Parkway from side streets south of Hanover and Greenway Center Drive and slower vehicle speeds south of Ora Glen. Impervious surface changes included 5,000 square feet for “bike lanes protected by grass medians,” or more than 6,000 square feet “for all other types of protected bike lanes,” said White.

Option B would entail more than 30,000 square feet of impervious surface change.

In their meetings with the Advisory Planning Board (APB), GreenACES, Greenbriar Community Association and the general community, SA noted a strong preference for option B. Option A issues included difficulty from the removal of a travel lane and for buses; more connections across

Hanover, especially between Ora Glen and Md. 193; traffic signals that allow bikes and pedestrians to cross intersections first, known as leading bike or pedestrian intervals (LBI/LPI) across 193; lighting along Hanover; safety over bike and pedestrian commingling; reflective trail markings; interference at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) with use of travel lane for buses and parents; high speeding south of Ora Glen; avoidance of community garden and bus shelters; prevention of ponding and icing from water run-off north of ERHS; and sufficient pathway lighting.

SA said that they would explore the use of pervious pavement if the soil type allowed.

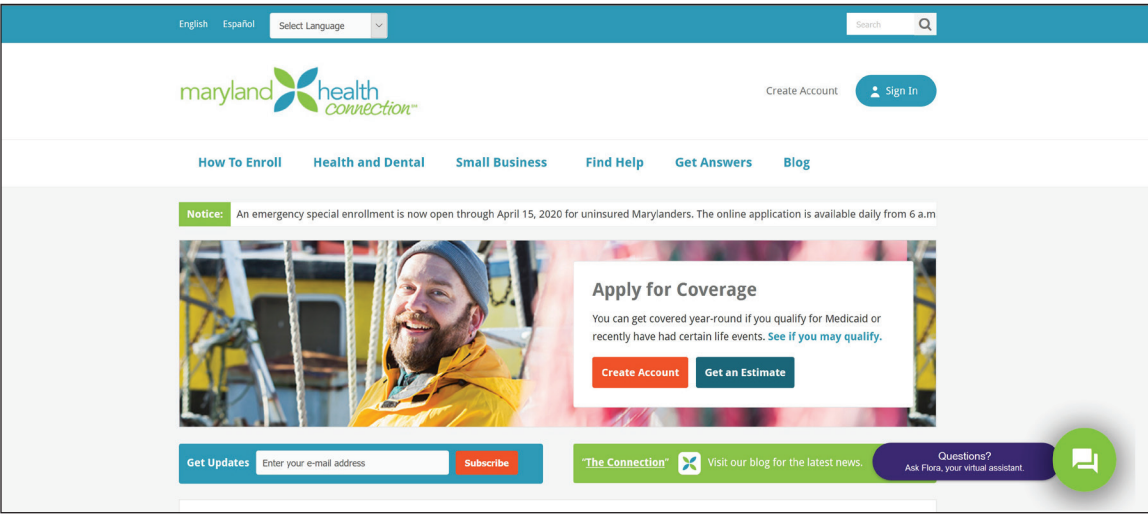
The costs of Option A would be between \$300,000 and \$900,000, after signing/markings, trail construction, stormwater management, traffic maintenance, trail/sidewalk reconstruction and bike lane protection.

Option B would come in at \$750,000, with the same steps, yet with minimal traffic maintenance.

For both options, a yearly budget of \$3,000 would be required for maintenance. A higher cost would result with the use of pervious pavement.

An additional \$250,000 would

Maryland Health Insurance Has Extra Enrollment Period



The Maryland state health insurance marketplace at MarylandHealthConnection.gov is open for a special enrollment period through April 15.

The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange announced a new special enrollment period open to all Marylanders in need of health insurance during the state

of emergency for coronavirus (COVID-19) declared by Governor Larry Hogan. Uninsured Marylanders may enroll through MarylandHealthConnection.gov, the state’s health insurance marketplace.

To help residents of the state receive access to affordable ACA-compliant insurance coverage during this emergency, individuals can visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or download the free Enroll MHC mobile app. Request or select “Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment Period.”

Free consumer assistance is available at 1-855-642-8572 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

The special enrollment period runs Monday, March 16, through Wednesday, April 15. Coverage selected during this time will have a start date of April 1, regardless of the exact date the consumer enrolls.

“Health concerns are heightened for many families, and Maryland is in a state of emergency. We are grateful for the support of our insurance companies in opening this additional special enrollment for uninsured residents,” said Michele Eberle, executive director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, which administers Maryland Health Connection.

Assistance is available in more than 200 languages through the call center, and relay services also are available for the deaf and hard of hearing. Hundreds of trained insurance brokers and navigators statewide will offer

free in-person help. Their locations and contact information can be found at MarylandHealthConnection.gov or through the mobile app.

Additional details about Maryland’s response to the ongoing pandemic can be found at governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus. Health resource information is at health.maryland.gov/coronavirus.

This special enrollment will run concurrent with the new Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program that also ends on Wednesday, April 15. When state income tax filers check the box on their online 502 and 502B Maryland State income tax forms requesting information about health coverage, they will receive information and be able to enroll online at that time.

Homes for Sale in Greenbelt

71C Ridge Road—Non-smoking Unit!
Clever use of space: a small, practical addition creates an entryway foyer with a full-sized stackable washer and dryer. Galley kitchen with new butcherblock countertops and a fresh, light color palette. Also, one wall in what had been a very small third bedroom has been bumped out to make it bigger. \$150K.

UNDER CONTRACT! 10A Hillside
This stylish end unit has a beautiful yard and a driveway, plus a garage that’s converted to a bonus laundry and storage room (with potential for much more). Fresh paint and light fixtures, lovely restored original interior doors, and a spacious deck for grilling, lounging. This is an unusual find. Now \$215K.

UNDER CONTRACT, BELLE POINT! 6829 Damsel Court
Meticulously maintained and upgraded 4br 3.5 bath townhome in sought-after, rarely available Belle Point community near the lake path. Three finished levels, beautiful deck, gourmet kitchen, so much good here! This is a beauty. \$340K

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The **Beauchamp Scholarship** at the University of Maryland is named in memory of Professor Emerita, and longtime Greenbelt News Review staff member, Virginia W. Beauchamp. The scholarship provides annual need-based scholarships for graduate students in the Department of Women’s Studies at UMD.

We seek to endow this scholarship, and have raised nearly \$15,000 of our \$25,000 endowment goal. This Women’s History Month, the News Review is asking readers to help us close the gap in this effort to endow the Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship.

All gifts are fully tax-deductible. To give online, simply visit www.giving.umd.edu and search for “Beauchamp Scholarship.”

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UMCPF Address: 4603 Calvert Road College Park, MD 20740

Questions? Contact Norah Quinn McCormick at (301) 405-6485 or at naquinn@umd.edu.

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minutes – and does not engage in ongoing discussion with presenters).

OGT Access Door

As a case in point, process issues derailed the Old Greenbelt Theatre’s (OGT’s) desire for council input on its project to provide access between the traditional theater and its neighboring Pop-Up, which would allow staff to serve customers in both areas. Also at issue was refurbishment of the exterior of the Pop-Up, including replacing some façade glazing, only recently identified as compromised.

Scheduled in petitions and requests (which automatically means council cannot act on the matter) OGT’s request went nowhere. Between Councilmember Rodney Roberts’ concern about preserving the historic windows and a ‘Who’s On First’ type of interchange on who owned the buildings, who holds the leases and who should participate in a Memorandum of Understanding, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=airT-m9LcoY>) over 30 minutes of circular argument provided neither clarity nor approval. The request was also marred because an expected presentation was unavailable. A clearly frustrated Dr. Caitlin McGrath, OGT’s director, who had submitted the request for consideration in early February in pursuit of city approval, found her request deferred – despite looming deadlines. Council, however, did reiterate that OGT could continue the permitting process and the work already slated for the interior of the building.

Recreation Director

Next up was resident Michael Gatlin, concerned that in the 18 months since its last recreation director had retired, the city had not yet appointed a replacement. A lengthy dialog ensued in which Mayor Colin Byrd repeatedly stated that council could not discuss this issue and tried to bring in City Manager Nicole Ard several times, who declined to comment on each occasion. No reason was given for the lack of an appointment.

Enterprise Zone

Things didn’t improve when Andre Plummer, from Prince George’s County Economic Development, requested approval from council to include a Greenbelt Enterprise Zone in the county’s application to the state. The zone would include Beltway Plaza and potentially other nearby properties (as requested by Jordan), including Franklin Park and the commercial properties at the intersection of Edmonston and Greenbelt Roads. Plummer’s map incorrectly represented the areas under consideration, giving rise to some confusion about what was and was not included. He was also unable to define which criteria qualified Greenbelt against a list that included high unemployment and rates of poverty. Roberts and resident Molly Lester both felt that Greenbelt was not economically disadvantaged enough to need the support and that our state tax dollars could be better spent – either on areas that are more poverty-stricken or on education.

Quantum Properties’ (owner of Beltway Plaza) ‘Kap’ Kapastin spoke in favor of the Enterprise Zone application and suggested extending it to cover even more area (though most of the area he

suggested was outside Greenbelt), noting that, although his own organization had not taken advantage of this status (Beltway Plaza had been an Enterprise Zone from 2009 to 2019), he thought it would be of use to some of his tenants. Roberts took the opportunity to protest Beltway Plaza’s redevelopment plans and the space devoted by it to recreation facilities – including an apparent disagreement about how many square feet are in an acre.

Council requested that Plummer return at the next council meeting with correct information.

Solar Farm

In contrast, Steve Skolnik and Luisa Robles spoke briefly, coherently and to the point about the need to move to the second bidder for the contract awarded earlier on a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP related to a power purchase agreement for electricity from a solar farm to offset some of the city’s electrical use. The initially successful bidder had promised, but could not deliver on, a facility which used an electrical feed originating in Washington, D.C. The D.C. feed would have enabled Greenbelt to gain income from the highly advantageous D.C. Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) instead of Maryland’s much less valuable SRECs. SRECS are auctioned to power companies to offset renewable energy targets. D.C. SRECs are currently worth well over \$400 per megawatt-hour of electricity, compared to the Maryland price of ~\$70.

Pepco denied a permit for the installation to the original contractor because the electrical feed was determined to be too small to accommodate the flow of electricity generated by the solar farm. Given this technical barrier, the second bidder’s proposal became the most competitive and has the advantage of being based on property already validated for the purpose. Council supported awarding the contract to Standard Solar. Skolnik assured Roberts that no trees would be cut to create a solar facility – which utilizes acreage on a former tobacco farm.

Police Dispatch System

Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers spoke of the department’s ongoing development of its dispatch system and its integration with other local departments. Questions about data security from a concerned but self-avowed technology-challenged Bill Orleans failed to derail the department’s case and the motion to finalize the project passed unanimously.

Zoning

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby gave a clear, well-researched and concise presentation on the status of the zoning activity underway in the county and the city’s position on it. Clear and accurate maps, coherent charts and specific tabulation of the mapping of old to new zones won praise from the council. While much of the county’s actions change little compared to the current zoning, Hruby was intent on making sure that parkland and the Forest Preserve would have highly protective and consistent zoning and to make sure some areas did not receive a de facto increase in density. Details on the overlay zone that protects the original city should be available in the

near future. She reminded council that the next public hearing on the topic was to be held March 23 at Prince George’s Community College at 7 p.m. – details available at <http://www.pgplanning.org/FormCenter/Planning-Board-6/Joint-Public-Hearing-on-the-Countywide-S-166>.

Buddy Attick Parking

Hruby said that this project was in the final permitting phases but, in response to a prompt by Councilmember Judith Davis on how long it had taken, Hruby noted that multiple agencies had been involved with numerous layers of approvals required so progress has been slow – with some elements having to be repeated. Roberts protested the need to remove a row of mature pines to move a pathway but was offered no response by council.

Firefly Sanctuary

After a rather hard-edged and contentious meeting, council’s unanimous vote to support a firefly sanctuary provided an opportunity for agreement. Championed at the meeting by Mary Anne Canter, the sanctuary in Stream Valley Park creates a ten-foot-wide swath with no pesticides and only one mowing per year. It will be unique in Maryland. Councilmembers concerned about the effects of nearby lights were assured they were far enough away not to affect the creatures in the shadowed glade. Skolnik, at the meeting as a private citizen and not GHI president, noted that he anticipated no objection to the sanctuary from GHI (which borders the area) but declined to comment on herbicide use.

Memorial Tree

Continuing the more pacific theme, Charlie Jackman told council that an American Holly cultivar about seven feet tall has been reserved for planting this spring either as part of Arbor Day or separately. He described how the existing plaque on the Eleanor Roosevelt memorial tree enclosure on Crescent Road between Lastner and Greenhill, used for the tree that was planted in 1968, could be reused. He noted that in its new position near the Library and the Community Center, it would actually be more historically accurate since it says that Eleanor Roosevelt stood on that spot – which is documented. These hollies grow to 30 or 40 feet tall, though slowly, and council was reassured that the tree would thrive in both light and shade. Davis noted that this is a female tree (only lady hollies have berries) and was concerned that it might be bereft of masculine companionship. She pronounced herself relieved on behalf of the tree after she was assured that hollies of both genders abound in this area and that pollination would not be a problem.

Hanover Parkway Bikes

In a motion seconded by Jordan, council unanimously passed a motion to recommend the off-road option for a planned bike path on Hanover Parkway costing approximately \$1M.



Coronavirus

A Slow-Motion Catastrophe Leads to Musings on Math

by Cathie Meetre

There was never before a time in history when much of the world got to watch itself sicken one day and one country at a time – jerking forward frame by frame like an old-time movie run at half speed. Humans today travel fast and one person can leapfrog an infection around the globe within a day. In olden times, pestilence, people and news all traveled at much the same speed. By the time the word got there, the problem was on the doorstep.

But today information travels at the speed of light. An online red circle poised over Italy gradually grows and the world watches with clinical distance but growing dread as people far away struggle with fear and mortality and the pestilence creeps closer. As the inexorable march nears, all become players in the global drama. People can see new infections mount in the characteristic exponential curve in China and then watch in almost real time as the number of new cases peaks, rolls over and heads down.

Toilet Paper Math

One can gauge the level of locally-felt threat by the mathematics of toilet paper. There is apparently an American genetic trait that causes its citizens to hoard toilet paper once a threshold of fear is exceeded. So when the toilet paper disappears from the shelves of the Co-op (as it has), it is probable that our common thought has reached a consensus that things are really pretty serious and we should therefore be well stocked with this essential commodity. In fact, a statistician could use toilet paper sales rates as a basic statistical harbinger of doom. Here’s a hint for those

who don’t have the internet or eschew the news: if the Co-op is almost out of toilet paper, there must be a problem.

Epidemic Math

Most of the facts disseminated about the behavior of a new virus are based on mathematics, statistics and models that predict typical characteristics based on previous data from other viruses. This is the best that can be done for a new virus when its exact behavior is unknown. As the virus is studied and infections analyzed, the picture will assume more clarity.

People are told to stay six feet from others because that’s the average range of sneeze droplets. But if people sneeze when they’re moving, its easy to walk into a cloud of droplets whose originator has since departed. Similarly, the length of time the virus remains viable on surfaces is based on averages of virus viability. People may die young or live to 123 (the current world record) compared to the average life expectancy of people. Nonetheless, the models and the mathematics that underpin them are as good as they can be based on current information and many observations, so it is wise to pay attention to them with an appropriate pinch of salt and a dash of suspicion that errs on the side of caution.


Epidemic Math Puzzle

So here’s a ‘social distancing’ brainteaser about how to maximize the number of people in a room if they must all be six feet apart. What is the best way to organize them to get the most people in the room? Send your answers to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.





Tulips have started to bloom in Greenbelt.

PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Theft
March 5, 2:59 p.m., 66 Ridge Road. A watch was taken at Greenbelt Elementary School on February 28.
March 7, 12:30 p.m., 9000 block Springhill Lane. A man left a bag of tools outside a residence and when he returned, it was missing.
March 7, 1:10 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A locker at LA Fitness was forced open and a wallet and set of keys were removed.
March 9, 5:35 p.m., 11 Crescent Road. An iPod Touch was taken from a locked charging station at the Greenbelt Library.

Counterfeit
March 3, 5:02 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A counterfeit bill was passed at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Fraud
March 4, 6 p.m., 4 Court Laurel Hill Road. A man responded to a money-making ad using a phone app and entered his bank information. Money was later taken from his account.

Trespassing
March 7, 12:53 p.m., 135 Crescent Road. A 56-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespassing, resisting arrest and four counts of second degree assault after officers responded

to a report of a man refusing to leave St. Hugh's Church. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism
March 3, 10:38 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.
March 6, 12:12 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime
A gray 4-door 2016 Infiniti G37 with Maryland tags 44003CJ was taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.
A 2017 Ford Festiva reported stolen to the Charles County Sheriff's Department was recovered on Frankfort Drive near Ora Glen Drive.
Four tires and rims were taken in the 200 block Lakeside Drive. A front tag was taken in the 6400 block Capitol Drive and rear Virginia tag UXU6524 from 6000 block Greenbelt Road.
A door lock was tampered with in the 6100 block Breeze-wood Drive and clothing was removed.
A rear passenger side window was broken out in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

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SHLES D.A.R.E. Students Graduate from the Program

by Michelle Siegel



The D.A.R.E. essay contest winners pose with their prizes.

- Photos by Michelle Siegel

The fifth-graders at Springhill Lake Elementary School were in good spirits on March 12 at their D.A.R.E. program graduation ceremony, with the majority of the grade's students strolling across their school's cafeteria stage to receive a certificate of program completion and a D.A.R.E. tee-shirt.

"I just want you to remember to use the things that we learned in D.A.R.E. to make good decisions – D.A.R.E. is all about making healthy decisions – during your next step, when you're going into middle school," Greenbelt Police Department Public Information Liaison George Mathews, who teaches the Springhill Lake Elementary School's D.A.R.E. program, told the fifth-graders in attendance. "Remember, it's all about healthy choices."



Carly Richard Diaz Cuevas, 11, receives a certificate of program completion from Greenbelt Police Department Public Information Liaison George Mathews at Springhill Lake Elementary School's 2020 D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony on March 12. Carly also took home a Kindle Fire and a cuddly lion mascot as a prize for creating the best D.A.R.E. poster.

While D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles as Drug Abuse Resistance Education with the narrow goal of teaching children to resist drugs and violence, Greenbelt Police and Springhill Lake Elementary School have joined police departments and schools across the country in widening the scope of D.A.R.E.'s efforts beyond the prevention of smoking and drinking.

"I think the biggest thing that the kids should get out of D.A.R.E. is to make positive choices, whether it be about drugs, alcohol or bullying," Springhill Lake Elementary School Crisis Teacher Elaine Hutchinson said. "I think it's kind of evolved over the years – it started out with just drugs, and ... it encompasses a lot more now."

"Black Out Bullying" movement and an emphasis on the value of reading.

"Books are very important," Mathews told the fifth-graders. "I just think it's so important that kids learn to read, and learn to love to read."

Mathews incorporated this attention to literacy in Springhill Lake Elementary School's D.A.R.E. essay contest, in which the program – like many other D.A.R.E. programs across the country – requires students to participate as a precondition for receiving a certificate of completion and a tee-shirt.

The winners of the D.A.R.E. essay contest receive a stack of books from Mathews – including

at least one book signed by its author – in addition to a draw-string D.A.R.E. bag, a medal and plush and snuggly Daren the Lion, D.A.R.E.'s mascot. The "grand prize winner" also received a Kindle Fire reading tablet, as did the creator of the best D.A.R.E. poster.

The D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony was originally scheduled to take place later this school year. However, due to expectations that the coronavirus pandemic would require the closure of public schools, Springhill Lake Elementary School and Greenbelt Police Department worked together to reschedule the proceedings for March 12.



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CHEARS members and volunteers accept a check from the Greenbelt Community Foundation for the Chesapeake Intergenerational Open Seed Quest. From left, Robert Goldberg-Strassler, Carol Nizzo, Karen Stupski of the School of Living's Heathcote Community, Ron Garrett, Carol Griffith representing the Greenbelt Community Foundation, Maggie Cahalan, Pat McCoy, Ben Fischler, and Bob Cahalan. Not pictured is CHEARS' Carolyn Lambright-Davis.

brought seeds from their home-lands with them as a source of sustenance.


The project has a special out-reach to families, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

The workshop was the first of six designed to introduce seed swapping, plant and harvest the seed trials, and start a seed library. Seeds of lettuce and varieties of peas that are cold-weather tolerant will be the first seeds used in the project. The CHEARS Earth Squad, an afterschool program at Springhill Lake Elementary, will play a large part in future workshops.

In this first workshop at the Schrom Hills Three Sisters Gardens and Food Forest, about 20 volunteers and CHEARS members shared a potluck lunch, learned about the Chesapeake Intergenerational Open Seed Quest and assembled the gardens for the

project. The gardens are waist-high for easy access by seniors and persons with disabilities, and one is a "keyhole" garden, with an area in its center designed for wheelchair access to all sides of the garden. All gardens have an area to hold compost for fertilizing.

The GCF awards grants to Greenbelt organizations, cooperatives and other groups to use for improving the Greenbelt community. There are two grant cycles, one in the spring and another in the fall. To apply for the spring cycle, organizations are required to submit completed proposals by email to greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com by midnight on April 15. Visit the GCF website at greenbeltfoundation.org for eligibility criteria, application instructions and the application form.



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schools.

In an email exchange with the News Review on Monday, City Manager Nicole Ard explained that protecting city employees was also a priority.

"New ways of delivering service like teleworking, practicing social distancing, using video and telephone conferences are to help keep residents and employees safe so we can continue delivering service," Ard wrote.

Hogan

On Monday morning, Governor Larry Hogan gave a press conference. "We should continue to expect the number of cases to dramatically and rapidly rise," Hogan said. "We have never faced anything like this before. This is going to be much harder, take much longer and be much worse than almost anyone is currently understanding."

Hogan announced a series of executive orders to shut down all bars, restaurants, movie theaters and gyms beginning 5 p.m. Monday. The order permits such business to continue delivery and takeout service. The governor

also prohibited gatherings of more than 50 people. Banks, gas stations and grocery stores will remain open, according to Hogan.

"These emergency orders carry the full force of the law and will be strictly enforced," Hogan said.

Hogan also prohibited utilities from shutting off services to residents or charging late fees for the duration of the crisis, and ordered a halt to the eviction of tenants during the state of emergency. Hogan also said the state had the capability to provide three meals and a snack to students who need food while schools are closed.

Prince George's County Public Schools announced on their website that students and parents can pick up lunches at some schools between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., while two meals and a snack were available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at some other locations. See the article on this topic on page 12.



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Reporter, Advocate, Friend: Beauchamp’s Legacy Lives on

by Brogan Gerhart

Quiet, demure and tough are three words that longtime editor and current Greenbelt News Review staff member Mary Lou Williamson used to describe Dr. Virginia Beauchamp, a proud Greenbelter, avid supporter of women’s rights and journalist and sometime editor for the News Review for more than 60 years. Beauchamp copy-edited the News Review every Tuesday afternoon until she was well into her 90s and increasing frailty kept her reluctantly home.

“She was a feminist and a tireless volunteer for Greenbelt in Greenbelt,” said University of Maryland Campus Club President Sarah Bourne.

Bourne met Beauchamp in the 1960s. They were both members of the Prince George’s County Historical Society and strong proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment. Throughout their long history, Bourne said she always viewed Beauchamp with “a great deal of respect.”

One of Beauchamp’s significant attributes was to gather like-minded women to dig into issues. For example she served with a group that wrote women into the textbooks of county schools in the 1960s.

In light of Beauchamp’s life and Women’s History Month, the Greenbelt News Review will be matching all March donations (up to \$5,000) made to the University of Maryland’s Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship.

The Beauchamp Scholarship has provided annual need-based awards of \$750 to graduate students in the Department of Women’s Studies – founded by Beauchamp in 1975.

Bourne said that if it hadn’t been for Beauchamp’s persistence, a women’s studies program at U-Md. would have taken a lot longer to come about, adding that Beauchamp was instrumental in spreading awareness for women’s issues and perspectives.

“The entire academic establishment is run by men, and they are interested in their experience,” Beauchamp once told The Washington Post. “In their minds, the stories and lives of women are peripheral. That’s why you’ve never heard of half of the books I teach.”

Referring to the president of the university at the time, Bourne said, “[Virginia] nattered at him until he said, ‘Okay, here’s one class.’ That initial course of women’s history turned into a bachelor’s degree, then a master’s degree and now there are doctorates in the program.”



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Virginia Beauchamp at age 95

Beauchamp, a professor and single parent for most of her professional life, served on the Women’s Action Coalition of Prince George’s County and the Prince George’s County Commission on Women from 1990 to 1993.

Admired and recognized for her work in elevating women’s issues, Beauchamp was inducted into the Prince George’s County Women’s Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame in 2003.

In 2002, Greenbelt named Beauchamp its Outstanding Citizen. “Dr. Virginia Beauchamp has added distinction to the city of Greenbelt,” Chair Robert Zugby said. “She is a dedicated community worker and leader, is modest and unassuming, a beloved teacher, has integrity, tenacity, humor, warmth and is productive and creative.”

According to Williamson, Beauchamp, in her spare time, enjoyed playing bridge at the Community Center, helped estab-

lish women’s groups and senior housing in the city and participated in the Co-op Nursery School when her three children attended.

A mother, leader and friend, Beauchamp gave so much to her community. The News Review staff believes that through this series of stories, it will successfully call upon the community to open their hearts and give generously to honor her and help sustain the initiative she began.

So far, nearly \$15,000 of the \$25,000 endowment goal has been reached. Once endowed, the Beauchamp Scholarship will live in perpetuity to support generations of students. The fund must reach \$25,000 by June 30, 2021 in order to become an endowed scholarship and have the potential to increase the stipend it can offer students from \$750 to \$1,000 or more.

“I hope if [students are] going to school on her scholarship they’ll learn a little bit about her,” Bourne said in her concluding remarks about Beauchamp. The News Review staff hopes that, along with recording the legacy of a great Greenbelter and friend, the community will also be able to learn a little bit more about its quiet, demure and tough protector of justice and equality.

This article is part three of a three-part series honoring Virginia Beauchamp’s life and her legacy. Information on how to give to the Beauchamp Scholarship can be found in the advertisement on page 7.

Brogan Gerhart is a student in journalism at the University of Maryland reporting for the News Review.



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Japanese flowering quince shrub along an Old Greenbelt walking path

Coronavirus

County Schools Announce 25 Sites for Free Meals

State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon announced that all Maryland public schools will be closed Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27, as part of efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) are serving free meals, breakfast, lunch, and a snack, at 36 schools around the county. Explaining this program, PGCPS Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson said, “Making sure our students have access to meals during this closure is a major concern for our community and Board of Education.” She went on to say, “For that reason, we have identified sites that are strategically placed throughout the county to ensure each student has access to nutritious meals.”

Springhill Lake Elementary School in Greenbelt is one of the 36 sites. PGCPS Director of Media Relations Gabrielle Brown confirmed that students may also go to their nearest school to pick up meals, not necessarily the school they attend. She stated, “This is to make it easier on our families and students who are in need but may not have traditional modes of transportation”. Brown also said, “In an effort to comply with the state and county’s instructions to slow the spread of COVID-19, we selected schools that could act as hubs for the surrounding areas.”

The school system will provide breakfast, “grab and go” lunches, and a snack at the 25 locations from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday during the closure.

Children may pick up the meals on their own or with an adult from either the parking lot or the school entrance, depending on the weather. School IDs are not required. Adults may only pick up meals for children who are with them. Adults without accompanying children will not be issued meals.

In addition, student enrichment packets for use during the statewide school closings are now available at all meal sites and online for prekindergarten through 12th grade students. Packets are also available for students attending Community-Referenced Instruction programs, a special education program for high school students with special needs, or regional programs. The packets provide additional review in grade-level content areas

“This week we have served thousands of students at our meal sites,” said Goldson. “I am committed to meeting the community demand by doing our best to help children with daily meals and making it easier for them to ob-

tain learning enrichment packets. As a community, we are at our best when we come together.”

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